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BASEBALL CANDIDATES BEING TRIED OUT

Fifty Aspirants Working Hard—Close, Johnson, Cato and Williamson Look Good—An Eighteen Game Schedule

For several days Coach Hubbard has been limbering up his half a hundred candidates for the William and Mary baseball team. Work of only a mild nature was indulged in last week, but Monday the athletes romped out on Cary Field for the first regular practice of the season. The battery candidates began tossing them across last Wednesday and by the middle of this week the pitchers should be able to shoot them over at a lively rate in batting practice. While as yet the men have not been given an opportunity to display their ability, an ample supply of material is at hand for development, and it is the consensus of opinion that from the new faces Coach Hubbard will be able to fill the vacancies with men of high calibre. Much attention will be devoted to the batting strength of the Indians, for the Coach believes that a combination which will give Garrett four or five runs will have easy sailing in the championship race, if the big pitcher is up to his true form.

The most serious proposition to be solved this spring is the catching position. Garber of the William and Mary Academy team of last year seems to have preference over Carpenter and Sutherland, who tried out for the varsity last spring. However, there is little to choose between the three men, and their sticking ability will decide the matter. The absence of Zehmer from behind the bat will be keenly felt. His graduation last June ended the career of one of the most brilliant receivers who has donned the big mit in the Eastern Virginia Association.

The failure of Mortimer Williams to return to college left a vacancy at the initial corner. Dean Murry and Crigler are the most promising material for that station and a lively fight for the job is expected. Murry played first on Portsmouth High two years ago, while Crigler is a product of the William and Mary Academy. Shortstop and second base are open. Bill Johnson of last year's scrubs gives promise of developing into a dependable short field man, while there are several men of ability try-

ing for the keystone sack. Unless there is some unexpected happening or some change is made later, Heflin will be stationed at third.

In the outfield, Goslee and Geddy, both letter men, are on hand, while Williamson and Cato show earmarks of fast gardeners. Williamson made a strong bid for an outfield birth two years ago but was not at college last year. His fielding is high class but his stick work is not as heavy as may be expected of an outfielder.

The pitching burden will fall largely upon Captain Garnett, the Indians's mainstay in the box for three years. James will assist on the mound if his arm continues to improve and Forehand also may be depended upon to give an account of himself on the slab. Forehand played in several games last year and the experience thus gained should be of much value to him.

The season opens here on March 31st with Colby College of Maine. This date was previously scheduled with Georgetown University, which cancelled their engagement. With only two weeks before the opening game the Indians are settling down for hard practice in order to be ready for their Northern opponents.

Schedule follows:

March 27, Fairmount Athletic Club, at home, (pending).

March 31, Colby College, Me., at home.

April 2, Staunton Military Academy, at Staunton.

April 3, V. M. I., at Lexington, Va.

April 4, Roanoke College, at Salem, Va.

April 5, V. P. I., at Blacksburg, Va.

April 5, R. M. A., at Bedford City, Va.

April 7, Hampden-Sidney College, at Farmville, Va. (Exhibition).

April 14, 1st Company C. A. C., at home.

April 13, Richmond College, at Richmond, Va. (Champ.).

April 21, Union Theological Seminary, at home.

April 25, Randolph Macon College, at home. (Champ.).

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VESPER SERVICE

DR. YOUNG, OF RICHMOND, SPEAKS

The "Questioning Attitude" is Stressed—The "Deep Trodden Path" is no Guide For the Young Man

The March Vesper Service was held in Chapel last Sunday afternoon, March 11th. The speaker was Dr. Young, head of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology at Richmond College. Dr. Young is well known throughout the state as an eloquent and fluent speaker. We are not so fortunate as to have him among us often and we hope that we may be able to hear him again soon.

His subject was, "A Young Man's Doubts and his Father's Faith." In this he reviewed the development and growth of science and philosophy and showed that along with this development of science in an ever-changing world the young man, and especially the student, should develop and grow. "It is not right that the boy should forever follow in the deep trodden paths of beliefs in which his father trod," declared Dr. Young, "but he should approach a problem with a questioning nature ready to analyze the issue to fit his own needs. If the young man is to successfully carry his burden in solving the world's problems he must do it with a questioning attitude. Along with this he should bear in mind three thoughts: first, that his ideas and beliefs be tentative and subject to modification; second, that there are certain established truths that have stood the test of the ages and cannot be torn down; and third, that in some instances his father's faith should be his faith." The speaker closed with a quotation from Holmes' "Chambered Nautilus."

The musical program as well as the address was very well rendered, there being several numbers by the Glee Club and Quartet.

We are sorry to note that the attendance is dropping off and is not as good as usual. We cannot over emphasize the value of these services to the college student.

The faculty of Lafayette College recently passed several resolutions which announce the adoption of a new spelling board of America. The simpler and shorter of alternative spelling will be used in all official publications.

NEW GAS PLANT

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Laboratories Fitted With New Burners—Equipment is Up-to-date—Professor Keeble Plans Installment

The recent installation of a gas plant in the basement of the Science Hall fills a timely need in the laboratories of that building. The old burners have been discarded, and now attached to the gas pipes are burners of the most up-to-date kind. With this addition the equipment of our Science Hall compares favorably with any in the country.

The machine installed is a Tirril Gasoline-Gas machine and is the best of this type which is manufactured. The total cost of the machine is a little over one thousand dollars, but from all indications it is one of the best investments and improvements which the college has made for several years. At present it is supplying all of the laboratories in the Science Hall and has a much greater supplying capacity than is being used, allowing for the growth and expansion of laboratory work.

The plant consists of a large tank, sunk in the ground outside of the Science Hall, filled with gasoline. Then on the inside of the building there is a pump which forces air through the gasoline in the tank. Both the air and the gasoline is then forced into another tank and they are mixed and sent into the building for use.

Too much credit cannot be given Dr. Keeble for his part in securing the new plant. Not only through his progressiveness was the investment made but by his engineering ability were the plans of installment made. During his spare moments Professor Keeble worked out the plans and assisted Mr. Pittman in the fitting. He will receive for his efforts the satisfaction of seeing his class work with modern equipment.

Because of serious injuries to players during three consecutive years, inter-class football at the University of Southern California has been abolished by an official action of President Bovard. In a letter President Bovard requests "that no further interclass football contests take place under the sanction of the university."

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TUESDAY, MAR. 13, 1917

ROTTEN IN DENMARK

What is wrong in a community of 250 people when not more than twenty-five attended the birthday celebration of Lee, when still fewer persons were present at the patriotic meeting on Washington's birthday, when only a small per cent of the student body heard Col. George Harvey deliver his splendid address at the invitation of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, when six students go to voluntary chapel service, and about thirty seem to know where the Y. M. C. A. holds its regular Wednesday night service?

These are the startling facts that hit every William and Mary man square in the face if he will but look about him, and the only conclusion is "There is something rotten in the state of Denmark." Whose fault is it that there is such a wholesale neglect of these more serious, and yet all-important aspects of our college life? Is it that the men who have been chosen as the leaders in the literary and Y. M. C. A. activities do not appeal to the student body as real men? This could not be the defect in the matter, for many of them are the leaders in the other phases of the community enterprise. It would be a reflection on one's own sense of appreciation to say the programs of such meetings and services are not attractive, for the very best speakers that can be had are always secured, and the rarest talent that can be mustered in the city is always brought to the monthly Vesper Service. Then it would hardly be just to one's own interest to say the intellectual and moral sides of college life belong to the literary "high brows" and the boys who come from homes with Bibles in their trunks and still remain tied to their mother's apron strings. If the Young Men's

Christian Association has come into the hands of the few who possible may have a piece of that blessed "apron string" tied about them, it is because the mass of the community have not been looking after their interests in their enterprise.

The time will come in the life of each man when he must of necessity, by the very force of circumstances, consider the serious and finer side of his living. Why not now when the college needs strong men to boost its activities. It is no mark of a man to wait until the movement is about to succeed and then join the triumphant march. The time when real strong, honorable men are needed is while the struggle is on and the movement is growing. The local Y. M. C. A. needs every man of the 250 at William and Mary to put across its program, and if you stay outside one part of the work will be left undone.

P. N. D.

SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE

The suggestion that college professors should be systematically exchanged by North and South was certain to evoke a hint that the former section would gain less than the latter. But Prof. John Spencer Bassett, of Smith College, takes slight exception to the view of the Boston Transcript, regarding Southern Colleges. While quite willing to admit some comparative deficiencies in institutions below the Mason and Dixon's line, he asserts that at Trinity College, where he taught, thoroughness is as highly regarded as in the North. He goes on to say that Southern institutions are superior to Northern in two ways: the student's classroom attitude toward the professor is one of greater respect and attentiveness, and this respect is carried outside to induce them to seek closer personal acquaintance. On this ground he believes that the exchange would be good for both sides. The only question is whether such innovation is needed. Southern students constantly flock to Northern centres of graduate study East and West; Northern instructors constantly go to Southern schools to teach; and the meetings of learned associations assist in clearing away academic sectionalism. In addition, summer school engagements, special lectures, and the like keep the more noted scholars in frequent movement.—New York Evening Post.

Thirteen victories over the strongest college teams playing in the South and no defeats, is the record of the Washington and Lee five and this record furnishes an indisputable basis upon which the Generals may lay claim to the Southern championship in basketball with little fear of the claim's being questioned from any source.—Ring-tum Phi, Washington and Lee.

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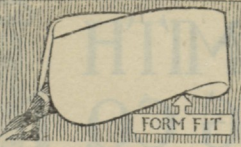
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RECORDS OF THE BASKETBALL PLAYERS ARE REVIEWED

Dean Murry Leads the Scoring With 143

Points—Geddy, Second With 56

According to statistics compiled by Manager Wilson of the William and Mary basketball team, Dean Murry and Bugs Geddy led their teammates in scoring points. Though this was Murry's first year on the quint, the dependable forward registered 57 field goals and 29 goals from foul for a total of 143 points. Geddy came second with 27 baskets from the floor and 2 free tosses for a total of 56 points. Captain Robertson was the next highest scorer with 14 field goals. Geddy, Murry and Robertson were the only men to take part in all of the 12 games played.

From a record of the players may be discovered several drawbacks to the orange and black basketweavers. The team as a whole made an average score of 20.2 points per game, which is a slight margin below that of a consistent winner. In only a few contests will 20.2 points land a victory in the winter time sport. Then the number of personal fouls committed by the regulars indicate the extent to which our opponents were favored with free tosses.

The record of each William and Mary player with respect to the number of games, field goals, personal fouls committed, and foul goals accredited follow:

Players	G.	F. G.	P. F.	F. T.
Geddy.....	12	27	8	2
Stephens.....	4	1	1	0
Murry.....	12	57	9	29
Robertson.....	12	14	14	0
Copeland.....	2	0	3	0
Mattox.....	7	4	2	0
Goslee.....	7	2	13	0
Crigler.....	7	1	2	0
Total.....	106	52	31	

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETS

Members of the Athletic Council went into session Thursday afternoon for the purpose of awarding monograms to the basketball team and of nominating candidates for the assistant managership in baseball.

After a survey of the individual records in basketball, the following men were found to meet the requirements for a monogram: Geddy, Gosley, Murry, Capt. Robertson, Crigler and Mgr. Wilson. The W. M. insignia will be presented to these men next week in Chapel.

The Council saw fit to nominate A. P. Robinson and E. A. Stephens, members of the Junior and Sophomore classes respectively, as the candidates for the managership in baseball.

The fact that the entire proceedings of this meeting, which is supposed to be secret, has become public is to be deplored and guarded against hereafter.

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CAMPUS GOSSIP

Ohio University at Athens may adopt, at the beginning of the next school term, a system of grading pupils from their every day work in college instead of through examinations. That this step has long been considered is said to be due to Alston Ellis, president of the University, who has spent practically his entire life in educational work and who recommends the adoption of such a plan as a result of conclusions reached through his long and valuable experience.

The University of Oklahoma recently claims to have the largest geology department in the world. More than 400 students are enrolled and 62 persons are majoring in that science. Oil counts for much of the interest.

"I thought you had given up burnt-wood art, dear," said the young husband.

"Why, Ferdinand, how can you be so heartless? This is a pie."—Ex.

BASEBALL CANDIDATES BEING TRIED OUT

April 28, Medical College of Va., at home.

May 2, Richmond College, at home. (Champ.).

May 5, Randolph-Macon, at Ashland. (Champ.).

May 9, Hampden-Sidney College, at Hampden-Sidney, Va. (Champ.).

May 12, Open.

May 16, Hampden-Sidney College, at home. (Champ.).

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
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PHILOMATHEAN MEETING

The Philomathean this year has
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ard of good work. All of our pro-
grams this year have been charac-
terized by their snappy character
and by the interest shown in the
work. The most characteristic of
this spirit was the program rendered
Saturday night. The interest in it
is shown by the many volunteers in
each department.

In oration J. F. Johnson and C.
R. Heflin voluntarily delivered very
interesting addresses. The latter
taking for his theme, "Finding the
Market," showed that the success
of a professional man as much so as
the farmer depends upon his ability
to find the proper market place for
his commodity, the place of the
greatest demand for his services.

In reading, C. S. Moorman and
G. L. Ferguson gave us, as usual,
interesting selections. They were
very ably followed by W. H. Cheat-
ham and W. W. Johnson as volun-
teers.

In declamation B. B. Mitchell and
W. J. Wilkinson rendered good se-
lections. Mr. Connor, as voluntary
declaimer, amused the whole society
by his humorous selection, "The
Smoke Goes up the Chimney Just
the Same"

In debate, while no one was any
too well prepared, every man who
appeared gave a very interesting
discussion. The question was: Re-
solved, that Congress should enact
a law for the Government owner-
ship of mercantile marines. The
affirmative was upheld by M.
H. Hobson and G. L. Ferguson.
The negative side was defended by T.
G. Pullen and A. J. Mapp, while
D. G. Tyler and R. H. Owen volun-
teered.


At this meeting the committee
which was appointed to arrange a
special program devoted to some
noted author submitted a program
which is to be rendered March 31st.
The program for this date is to be
composed of essays, declamations
and readings from the works of
Sidney Lanier. This innovation
gives promise of being a success
and it behooves every member of
the society to give it their hearty
support by their presence, although
some are so unfortunate as not to
be represented on the program.

POLITICS IS OR ARE?

Old top, how goes the day with you?
All is well and weather fine.
By the way, old sport, take a chew,
I've used of yours, now taste of
mine.

Statistics show that we need a few
And with a little help I think
We can pull our old pall safely thru.
By the way, come on and take a
drink.


Clink! a dime at the fount is heard,
Now two cigars, come on old sport;
Gee old toppie, you're a jolly bird;
Now old sport, how do you vote?



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